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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re:* Pennica and Rastelli

Application No. 09/816,653

Filed: March 23, 2001

For: NOVEL HUMAN STRA6-LIKE  
PROTEIN AND NUCLEIC ACIDS  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.